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Inquiry: California Medical Board Guidelines for Medical Assistants require that an RT or MD be involved in training MA's in inhalation therapy. Can a Respiratory Therapist teach, or participate in teaching, Medical Assistants about inhalation therapy, including how to perform nebulizer treatments, how to take a peak flow meter reading, how to perform a pulse oximetry reading and how to instruct a patient in the use of an inhaler?

Response: We would recommend that you contact the California Medical Board for their opinion. It is their section of the Professional and Business Code that makes reference to the question you have raised. Their contact information is provided below for your convenience:

Medical Board of California
1426 Howe Avenue # 54
Sacramento, CA 95825
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This determination does not constitute a declaratory decision under the comprehensive provisions of Government Code sections 11465.10 - 11465.70.